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Hello,

I work in the IT Industry currently, and am disappointed with the current settlement proposal between the DOJ and Microsoft. It seems to indicate a complete surrender by the organization that is supposed to enforce our nation's laws. If Microsoft has broken the law, it should be punished. The current settlement proposal is essentially a "don't do it again" response that doesn't even adequately enforce compliance. The oversight committee described in the proposal would seem to have little incentive to actually enforce the terms of the agreement.

A much simpler solution that would force Microsoft to compete would be to prevent it from any future purchases of other companies and prevention of purchase of other software product code. It would force Microsoft to compete on their actual ability to write software, rather than allow them to buy out any threat.

Whatever is done, surrender, after a fairly successful litigation, is an absolute waste of taxpayer money.

Thank you,

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